

the waiver of all points of order against consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1437 included waivers of the following:

Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a measure that has a net effect of increasing the deficit or reducing the surplus over the five- or 10-year period;

Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) or 302(b) allocation of such authority; and

Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless referred to or reported by the Budget Committee.

#### RECOGNIZING SEAN P. LEAHY

##### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to honor the life and legacy of a truly honorable and remarkable man, Sean P. Leahy.

United States Marine Corps Major Sean Leahy was an incredible Marine, father, husband, and son. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut to his loving parents Tom and Laura. Sean would eventually head to University of Wisconsin Stevens Point where he was a hockey standout. Sean had a clear love for hockey and his country which ultimately led to him joining the United States Marine Corps. Sean was also a beloved teammate, respected team captain, and an energetic youth coach. His players and teammates had the utmost respect for him on and off the ice. Leadership was in Sean's blood, and he led on the hockey rink and on the battlefield with his fellow Marines. Sean followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather when he proudly signed up to serve and protect his country. He served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Allies Welcome. The Marines that knew him well described him as a lion of a Marine and his Marines were part of his family. I commend Sean for his unwavering service to the United States of America.

Throughout Sean's incredible life, he lived all across the United States and traveled all over the world. He ultimately settled down in Northeast Wisconsin after meeting the love of his life, Meghan, when his family moved to Port Edwards, Wisconsin. Sean's love for his wife, and their sons Ryan and Zack, is simply unparalleled. Sean was a truly remarkable public servant, leader, Marine, and most importantly husband, father, and son. Sean left a mark on all those he interacted with in life and our entire community will miss his presence.

Madam Speaker, today I ask for this body to join me in honoring the life and legacy of a remarkable man and soldier, Major Sean Leahy. The people of Northeastern Wisconsin thank Sean for his leadership on and off the battlefield, along with his kindness and dedication to his family, friends, and the United States. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Meghan, their sons, his friends, family, and all of the lives he touched throughout his life. Semper Fi.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARITA MIKESKA

##### HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, for nearly two decades, the people of Texas have had a champion in Marita Mikeska, who served as my constituent liaison. As she retires and embarks on a new journey, I rise to honor and recognize her many achievements.

Marita began her work in my office in 2004 and quickly became indispensable. Having previously worked for seven lawyers, Marita was accustomed to high-stakes and fast-paced environments, a trait that served her well on my team. She handled any crisis with ease, and she performed every task—no matter how big or small—with a positive attitude that encouraged both coworkers and constituents.

Throughout her tenure in my office, Marita helped countless individuals on cases dealing with everything from the military to taxes. In the past four years alone, she helped Texans secure nearly \$5 million of their hard-earned money from the IRS.

Marita's retirement is well-deserved. While she will be missed, I know her husband Robert, daughter Michele, and granddaughter Ava will be blessed by their time spent together. A fixture of the Brenham community, Marita will no doubt continue to serve and benefit her neighbors for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING LEOPOLDO MIRANDA-CASTRO

##### HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the distinguished public service career of Leopoldo "Leo" Miranda-Castro, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southeast Regional Director. He has served the Service with distinction and honor for more than 30 years and will be retiring at the end of this month.

Leo began his career with the Service as a private lands biologist in our native Puerto Rico. Notably, his efforts in this position helped pioneer Puerto Rico's shade-grown coffee restoration, benefiting our Island's people and wildlife. An advocate of public-private conservation partnerships, he often points to the success of the shade-grown coffee industry as an example of how government and private landowners can work together to achieve win/win outcomes for wildlife conservation.

After a decade working with private landowners in Puerto Rico, Leo went on to make contributions to conservation on a national level. As the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Coordinator in the Service's Headquarters, he developed a strong national network of partners in support of nonregulatory, voluntary habitat restoration. Later, he became the Project Leader of the Service's Chesapeake Bay Field Office, where he encouraged collaboration and cooperation among public and private stakeholders to conserve the bay's

complex ecosystem and the species that depend upon it.

In 2012, Leo joined the Service's Southeast Region, serving as the Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services. In this role, he promoted collaborative efforts to conserve species at-risk of needing federal protection, oversaw recovery activities for listed species like the Puerto Rican parrot, and applied innovative approaches to reduce the regulatory burden on private landowners and partners.

For the last 4 years, he has led the Service's Southeast Region. His resolve to achieve outcomes through collaboration resulted in many conservation successes throughout the Southeast and the Caribbean. For example, the productive relationship with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources was enhanced under his leadership and resulted in the removal of the Monito gecko—found only in Puerto Rico's Monito island—from the endangered species list.

As Puerto Rico's sole Representative in Congress, I have been proud to work and partner with Leo over the last couple of years to advance our Island's conservation priorities. His efforts helped us secure critical investments to improve management and access for Puerto Rico's protected lands in partnership with local communities. This includes resources to rebuild the Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge's headquarters and visitor center, as well as road repairs at the Caribbean Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Most recently, he was instrumental in leading a coalition of federal, state, and private stakeholders to secure funding to protect and restore our iconic Cabo Rojo Salt Flats, the most important stopover for migratory birds and shorebirds in the Eastern Caribbean and an important tourism and economic asset for southwestern Puerto Rico.

Throughout his career, Leo has spent considerable time developing future conservation leaders, especially young talent underrepresented in the conservation workforce. Drawing from his own experience, he championed the Service's internship programs and initiated efforts to foster a welcoming culture and connectedness for students and new employees through mentorships and exposure to a wide array of Service programs and people.

We are forever grateful to Leo for his leadership in conservation and commitment to keeping Puerto Rico a vibrant, beautiful place we call home.

Gracias, Leo.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SELFLESS AND COURAGEOUS HUMANITARIAN ACTS OF RICHARD CAMPOS

##### HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Richard Campos for his commitment and dedication to the people of the United States and victims of violence abroad. Through his selfless service and generous spirit, Richard has made a difference in the lives of countless individuals around the world.

Richard was born in French Camp, California, and grew up in nearby Stockton. At just

17 years of age, he joined the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the Marines Corps, Richard returned home and continued to serve his community as a San Joaquin County Deputy Marshall and then as San Joaquin County Deputy Sheriff. He concurrently enlisted in the National Guard and was deployed to Iraq in 2003.

While Richard was serving in his roles with San Joaquin County, he befriended his colleague, Doug Taylor, and Doug's son, Mark Taylor. Richard was inspired by Mark, a successful surgeon who decided that he needed to help not only his country but also innocent victims of war abroad. With this passion, Mark joined the United States Army, serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq. Tragically, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Taylor was killed in action in Fallujah, Iraq. Doug was heartbroken and shortly passed after his son's death. Richard was grief-stricken by the passing of his friends and decided to make it his life's mission to honor both Doug and Mark.

Richard recalled stories told by Mark of the great need for humanitarian aid in Iraq. One day while reading the newspaper, he was moved by a story about a children's hospital in Basra, Iraq that was left unbuilt, leaving the children without access to medical care. He felt compelled to act and started making phone calls. Although it took nearly two years to secure supplies and find transportation for this mission, in 2009 he was able to personally deliver almost 5 million dollars' worth of medical supplies to the hospital. Following this experience, Richard felt he needed to do more, and decided that providing whatever aid he could to civilians in a warzone was the best way to pay homage to the lives of his belated friends, Doug and Mark.

When Richard delivered supplies to Basra, he learned of the great need for humanitarian aid in Kurdistan in northern Iraq. From 2010 to 2014, Richard traveled back and forth from the United States to Iraq to bring much-needed supplies to the Kurdish minority in that region. Richard operated as a one-man team and paid for the supplies and trips out of his own pocket.

In 2014, ISIL started to gain ground in Iraq, so Richard turned his attention to the plight of the Yazidis in Iraq. Yazidis, especially women and children, were systematically persecuted by ISIL forces. Richard visited refugee camps and asked what the people needed. Everything from medical supplies to warm clothing was requested. Richard, without hesitation, went to work again, journeying back and forth from the United States to Iraq to bring supplies and aid. He traveled at least twice a year to provide lifesaving help to the Yazidis.

Aside from aid and supplies, Richard also brought attention to the plight of refugees through his documentary, "The Longest Road." He traveled the world recounting his firsthand experiences and sharing how ordinary people can step up to help others in need. Along the way, Richard was able to make new friends and acquaintances who helped him on his journey of service.

In February of 2022, as war broke out in Ukraine, Richard was once again drawn to help. He took a detour while returning from Iraq to visit Ukraine. There, he found himself in a church with Ukrainian civilians and promised them that he would return with help, and as he had done before, Richard went back home to secure supplies. He kept his promise, delivering aid to the people of Ukraine.

To this day, Richard continues to help people around the world. He first served his country as a soldier and law enforcement officer and now serves the world as a humanitarian. Richard Campos is the epitome of heroism and selflessness, and to that end, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him for his distinguished service.

#### RECOGNIZING MARILYN AND C.L. FORDYCE UPON THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Marilyn and C.L. Fordyce upon their 70th Wedding Anniversary. They are wonderful people that, through thick and thin, have stood by each other's side.

Christmas Day in 1952, days before C.L. Fordyce left for Army basic training, he had the good fortune of marrying Marilyn Sanders in the home of her aunt and uncle. For 2 years, C.L. served in the First Armored Division and Marilyn worked for MFA Agri-Service and managed to wreck "only" 1 car. Upon C.L.'s return the couple moved into the home that he and his wife continue to share today. The marriage they share has seen nearly any and everything that a person could see. Good times, bad times, victory, loss, children, grandchildren, all of the ingredients of a full life. With all of that, they continue to be a rock for their community, friends and, most importantly, their family. We should all be so blessed.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Marilyn and C.L. Fordyce for their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary. They are incredible people who set a sterling example of what marriage should be. I am extremely proud to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF JOHN D'AGOSTINI

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, you want to understand successful law enforcement, the first place to look is the career of El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini. It's not hard: it was under his leadership—indeed, because of his leadership—that the day-to-day operations of his department became the subject of the popular TV series, "The Sheriffs of El Dorado County"—that ran from 2014 to 2019.

It is the very definition of successful policing—pioneered by Sir Robert Peale and perfected and practiced by Sheriff D'Agostini. Ideal police departments are run as extensions of the communities they serve—they work in partnership with local citizens—and this was the heart of Sheriff D'Agostini's success.

I've seen that in action over and over. During the devastating King Fire, I watched him at his post even when his own ranch was immi-

nently threatened. During the Caldor Fire, he opened that same ranch to the stream of evacuees who had fled the devastation with only the clothes on their backs. I can't tell you the number of times I watched him during these terrifying disasters—always calm, always focused, always reassuring, and omnipresent.

He is loved by his community and his department because he loves them—and that caring is what binds the community to the Sheriff's department and exemplified and indeed, defined, his successful record of modern policing.

He was first elected in 2010 by a margin of less than 1,300 votes. But as he proved himself—he became a beloved institution in the community and won re-election overwhelmingly in 2014 and 2018—and would have won by acclamation in 2022, but for the fact that he chose to retire back into the community he has so faithfully served and protected.

They were not all easy years. He lost a deputy to an illegal alien in an illegal marijuana grow in 2019 and became a national figure warning of the dangers that our porous border and sanctuary policies present to communities across America and to those who risk their lives to protect us.

When state bureaucrats ordered businesses to shut down during the Covid hysteria, Sheriff D'Agostini stood up for the constitutional rights of his constituents and refused to destroy their livelihoods. His courageous stand has since been affirmed by the mounting evidence that the lockdowns cost lives, destroyed livelihoods and did nothing to slow the spread of the disease.

Sheriff D'Agostini worked his way up through the ranks, first graduating from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy in 1993. Throughout his career, Sheriff D'Agostini served in numerous positions including Patrol Deputy, Detective, SWAT Team Member, Narcotics Investigator, Rangemaster and Firearms Instructor, and investigator for the Amador County District Attorney's Office.

Sheriff D'Agostini is well known for his many accomplishments and contributions to the community including his leadership in constructing a new Public Safety Headquarters located in Placerville. This building now provides local law enforcement with emergency operation services, a 9–1–1 dispatch center, a morgue, an evidence building, a special operations and training building, as well as an indoor shooting range and armory.

Madam Speaker, without law enforcement there is no law, and without law there is no civilization, which is why it is impossible to overstate the necessity of our local police departments and the law and order they uphold within our communities. I am proud today to congratulate John on his numerous accomplishments and his exemplary leadership, and on behalf of grateful citizens across El Dorado County, to thank him for his extraordinary service.

El Dorado County has been extremely fortunate to have had his leadership for the past 12 years. And although he isn't going anywhere—he's retiring right back into the community that raised him, and although his successor is well prepared under his tutelage to carry on his successful policies—it won't stop us from missing him in the role he defined and the responsibilities he discharged so well.